群青色
KUROISHI
[CHAPTER 4]
SUBSTI-
TUTING
MURA-
MATSU-
KUN AS
PITCHER,
SHUUJI-
KUN.

I HAVE TO...
KUROISHI
I'LL GET THREE STRIKES IN ONE GO
LET'S SCARE THEM WITH YOU PITCH PRACTICE
THROW A REALLY FAST PITCH THAT WILL MAKE EVERYONE SURPRISED
KUROISHI
RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM!

SO FAST!
DID THEY PUT OUT SOMEONE FASTER THAN A CHEETAH?
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THIS GAME IS STARTING NOW!
NUMBER 8, CATCHER, WAKISAKA-KUN
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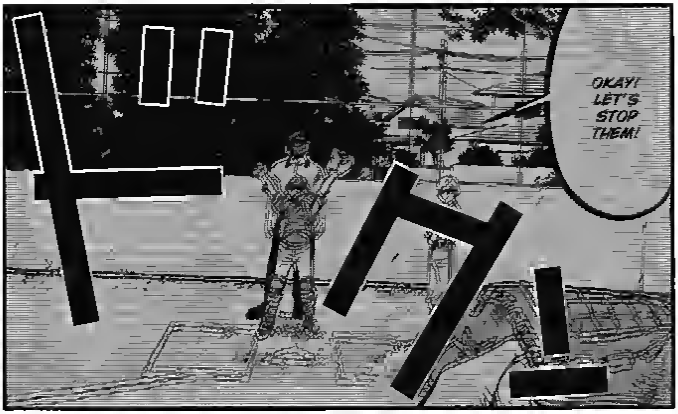
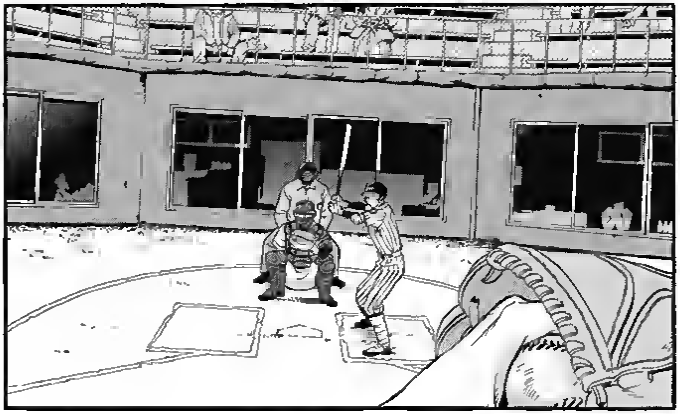
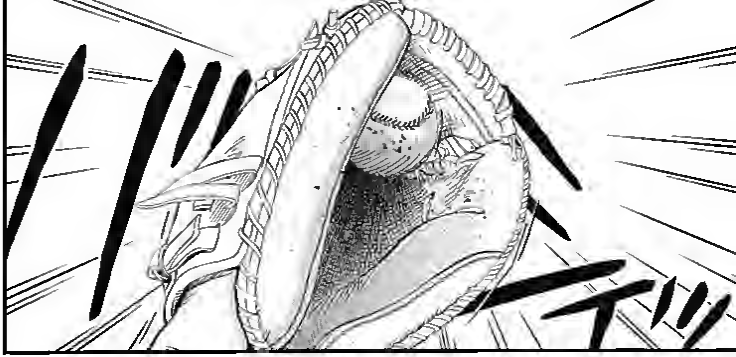
OISHI


OKAY! LET'S STOP THEM!

WHAT...?



YOSHI-ZAWA!
KURDISHI
NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO GET DISTRACTED!
KURDISHI
I'LL BECOME
A TRUE ACE IN THIS GAME!



A wild pitch...
AH...

YOU'RE PUTTING TOO MUCH STRENGTH INTO IT, YOSHIZAWA!

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Fuu
FOUR BALLS!
S-SORRY
WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?
DON'T BE SO TENSE!
DON'T MIND, DON'T MIND.
UWAH!!

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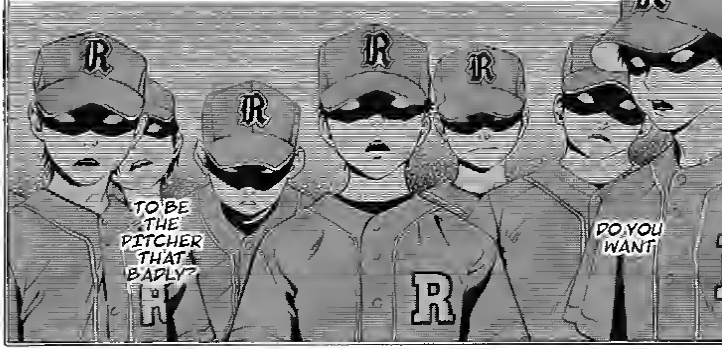
HEY, THE PITCHER IS SCARED!
DON'T MIND THEM, SHUUJI!
COULD IT BE THAT HE'S WEAK WHEN IT REALLY MATTERS?
HA HA HA
AT THE FIRST DAY OF CLUB'S ACTIVITIES
I WAS MORE NERVOUS
AND YET,
AND MORE THAN THAT, I THREW PROPERLY IN THE PRACTICE.

FOUR BALLS!
SHUUJI-KUN...
SO BORING
WAKE ME UP WHEN MY TURN COMES
WHY...
I'M FEELING BAD SO SUDDENLY...!
COWARD


TO BE THE PITCHER THAT BAPLY?
DO YOU WANT

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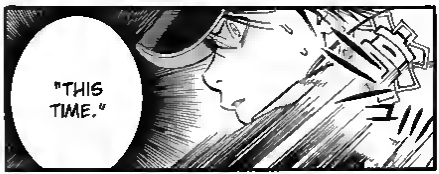
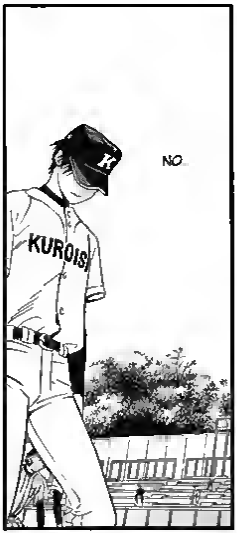
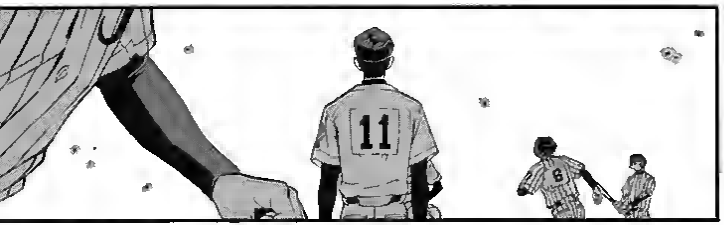
I WAS

CHOOSEN TO STAND IN THIS MOUND


"THIS TIME."


NO
KUROISH

FOUR BALLS!!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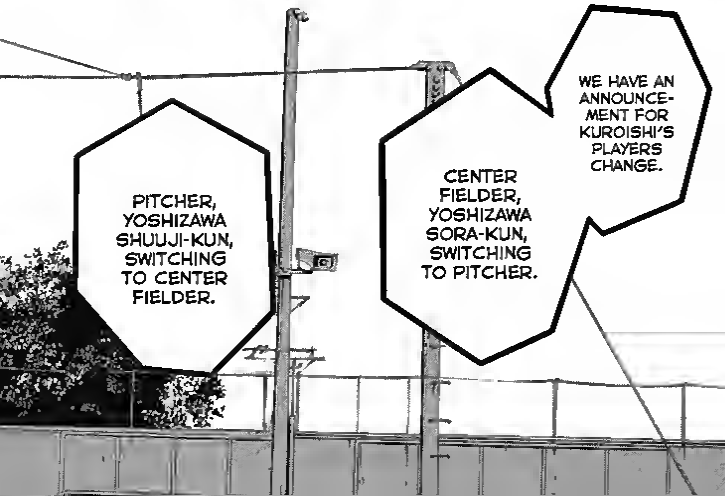
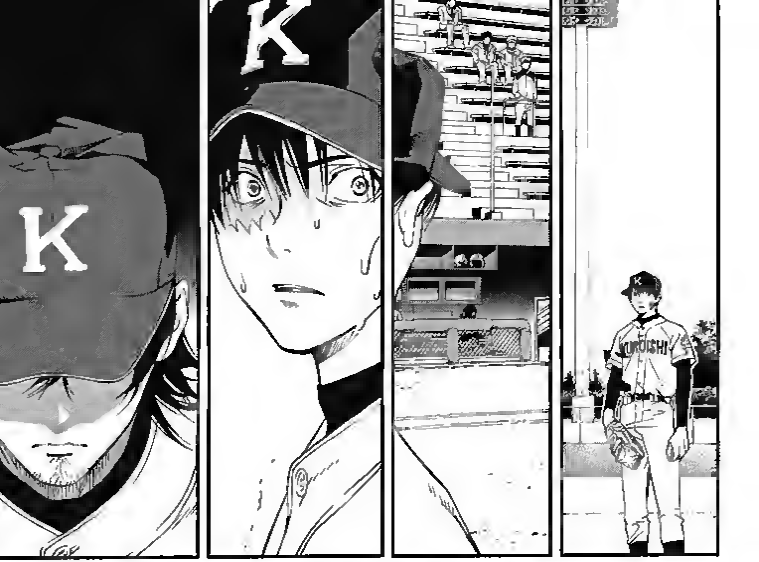

WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR KUROISHI'S PLAYERS CHANGE.
CENTER FIELDER, YOSHIZAWA SORA-KUN, SWITCHING TO PITCHER.
PITCHER, YOSHIZAWA SHUUJI-KUN, SWITCHING TO CENTER FIELDER.

NUMBER 6, PITCHER, YOSHIZAWA SORA-KUN.
NUMBER 7, CENTER FIELDER, YOSHIZAWA SHUUJI-KUN
AND THOSE WERE THE CHANGES.
KUROISHI
KUROISHI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KUROISHI

I STILL CAN, SO..!
I STILL CAN PITCH
I'M NOT ALWAYS LIKE THIS.

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SHUU...
KUROISHI
AND NOW A REALLY SMALL ONE CAME OUT.

HE ISN'T FAST AS THE OTHER GUY.
LET'S AIM FOR THE FIRST PITCH!
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EXACTLY. YOU HAVE A SMALL BODY,
NUM-BER 2 SEC-OND...
SO IF THEY HIT IT, THEY CAN EASILY-
GUSH

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HUNF
OUT!
パス
KUROISHI
GOT IT!
WHAT?
TOO EASY!

AREN'T YOU LUCKY!
It's miracle!
TWO OUTS WITH JUST TWO PITCHES!?
OUT!
IS THAT REALLY LUCK...?
I CAN'T TELL IF IT'S IN OR OUT WHEN HE KEEPS ATTACKING THE INSIDE
THIS CONTROL MUST BE THIS SHORTY'S WEAPON, BUT...

I'M SURE THAT SOON
WE'LL SEE YOUR FAULTS-
HERE IT IS! A HIGH PITCH OUTSIDE, PERFECT!
THAT'S RIGHT,
IT CAN'T ALWAYS GO YOUR WAY-

WHAT...?

DAMN!

YOU DID GREAT, SORA!!
THAT WAS AMAZING!!
STRIKE OUT, CHANGE SIDES!
I THOUGHT THE BALL DISAPPEARED FOR A MOMENT.
SORA, WAS THAT A CURVE?

HEY, ISN'T THAT THE CAPTAIN'S FAULT?
WHAT!?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US ABOUT THE CURVEBALL UNTIL NOW!?
KUROISHI
WELL, IT WAS AN AMAZING CURVE!
WHAT? IT DISAPPEARED!?

AND THE FIRST TWO PITCHES...
KUROISHI
I THOUGHT SO TOO
I THOUGHT THE THIRD INNING WAS GOING TO LAST FOREVER.

YOSHI-
ZAWA

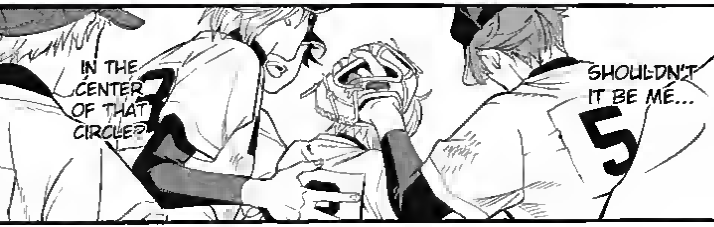
YOSHIZAWA, YOU SHOULD COOL OFF YOUR SHOULDER TOO...
YOSHI-ZAWA?

SH-SHUU-JI-KUN!?
GUYS, SHUUJI-KUN ISN'T HERE!
EH?
WHAT? SHUUJI!
ISN'T HE IN THE BATH-ROOM?
I'LL LOOK IN THE TOILET!

WHEN WE FINALLY GOT A GOOD MOOD...
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE RESE-VERS

COACH,
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF HE'S REALLY GONE?

WHY?


IN THE CENTER OF THAT CIRCLE?
SHOULDN'T IT BE ME...
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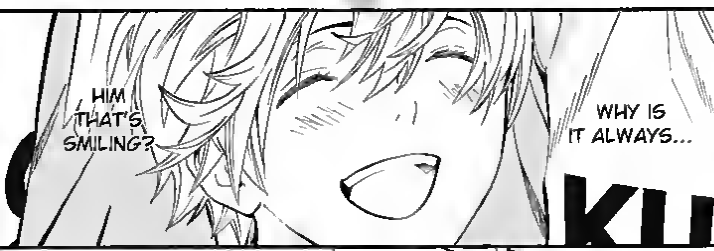
HIM THAT'S SMILING?
WHY IS IT ALWAYS...

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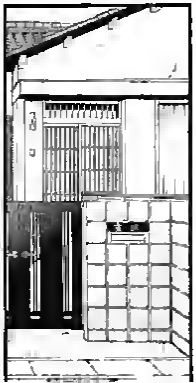
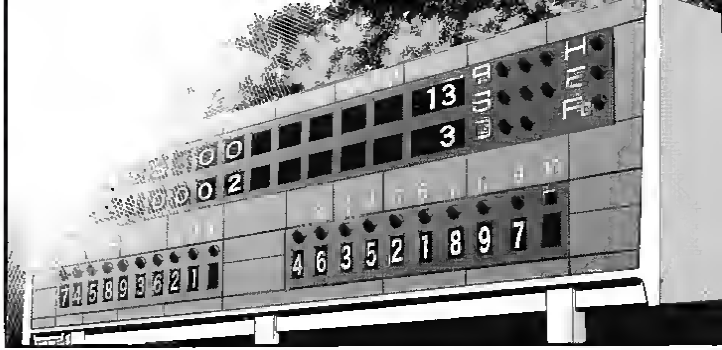
WHY?

AT THAT TIME, WHY...

I COULDN'T GET A SINGLE STRIKE...?



IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, SHUU-KUN.
OH.
AH, RIGHT. YOU STARTED PLAYING BASEBALL AGAIN?
SORA-KUN ISN'T WITH YOU?
Y-YEAH...
SHUU-KUN?
SHUU-KUN?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WE LOST, BUT IT WAS AN EXCITING GAME
RIGHT?

IN THE END, THE GAME WAS CALLED IN THE 5TH INNING.
BUT WE WERE PRETTY CLOSE, RIGHT? IF ONLY WE HAD GOT ONE MORE RUN!
AS I THOUGHT, IT'S ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING WE DO IF WE TRAIN MORE...
HEY!
RIGHT? BUT THE CAPTAIN.

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KUROISHI
...I THINK SO TOO.

KUROISH
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GATHER AT THE GROUND ON MONDAY, AFTER YOUR CLASSES.
I'LL ANNOUNCE YOUR NEW POSITIONS AND OTHER THINGS THEN.

YES!
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KUROISHI'S
BOY, ARE YOU AT KUROISHI'S BASEBALL CLUB?
DO YOUR BEST!

I MANAGED TO THROW A STRIKE NOW.
SO WHAT WAS THAT A WHILE AGO? DAMN IT!
HAA...
WAS THAT A CURVE?
THAT PITCH...

AND WHEN THE TEAM IS IN A PINCH YOU GO AND GET TWO OUTS IN AN INSTANT WITH THAT AS YOUR FINISHING PITCH?
THE GROUP I WAS AFFILIATED WITH WHEN I WAS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL DIDN'T ALLOW US TO USE BREAKING BALLS.
I'M REALLY PISSED OFF!
AND WITHOUT ME KNOWING A THING
YOU WENT AND LEARNED THAT KIND OF PITCH...
AND WITH MYSELF...
WITH HIM.
11
MAYBE I SHOULD QUIT...
THE CLUB...

I WONDER HOW THE GAME ENDED...

I ALREADY GOT THE EQUIPMENT...

BUT...

AND TO QUIT IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION...

SPEAK-ING OF IT,

...IT'S COLD

WAH!
UWAH!
MUSIC
W-WEL-COME BACK...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO COME BACK
REALLY? THANKS, I GUESS. BYE.
EH? AH...

KUROISHI
WHAT IS HIS PROBLEM?
KUROISHI
KATT
8
SHUU-CH...
PISSES M- OUCH!
IT REALLY
YOU'RE THE ONE I DON'T
WANT TO SEE THE MOST RIGHT NOW
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SORA!
ナデナデ
WEAR THAT IT'S COLD!
AND...
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...I COULD GO BACK BY MYSELF.
カチ
WE'RE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE, YOU KNOW.
THERE'S A PATH THAT GETS REALLY DARK WHEN IT'S NIGHT.

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T-TO-DAY,
HM?
YOU WEREN'T FEELING WELL ARE YOU FINE NOW?
SHUU-CHAN.

AH,
BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GAME?
NOT THAT. I MEANT
ABOUT THE RESERVE AFTER I LEFT...
ERM, IT WAS CALLED IN THE 5TH INNING...
YEAH...
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS?
WE GOT TWO RUNS WITH A HIT FROM SUZUKI-SENPAI, BUT...
OUR COACH ASKED THE OTHER CLUB AND WE MANAGED TO CONTINUE.
SINCE IT'S A TOURNAMENT WITH ONLY TWO TEAMS THEY OVERLOOKED IT.
THE RESULT WAS 13 X 3. EVERYONE WAS REALLY VEXED.
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I'M SURE THAT THE LAST TIME I LOOKED JOUYOU'S SCORE WAS 13...
THEN HE...
KEPT THEM SCORELESS AFTER THAT...

AND I KNOW THAT I JUST NEED TO STOP RUNNING
SO THAT I WON'T GET ANY MORE HURT.
I ALREADY DESPISE AND ENVY YOU SO MUCH
THAT IT'S MAKING ME HATE MYSELF.
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS?
STOP GETTING SO FURTHER AHEAD OF ME
Kuroishi

I WANT TO BECOME THE "ME" THAT I DREAM.
BUT EVEN SO, I...

SHUU-CHAN?
MY BAD, I WAS THINKING.
GRANDMA'S HOUSE IS JUST AROUND THAT CORNER.
YEAH.

EVERYONE IS HERE, RIGHT?
THEN I'LL ANNOUNCE YOUR NEW POSITIONS.

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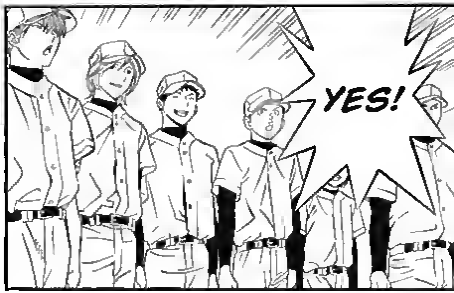
FIRST THE BATTERY-
WILL BE THE LAST.


YES!

IT FEELS LIKE
THE TEAM'S ATMOSPHERE IS DIFFERENT FROM YESTERDAY
YEAAAAHH!
A SURPRISE FROM THE START!
FIRST BASEMAN,
TERADA

SECOND BASE-MAN, SUZUKI.
EEEH
I'LL PROBABLY BE THE RESERVE PITCHER.
AFTER ALL, THE ACE...
THIRD BASEMAN, KANEKO.
SHORT-STOP, TSUNO-GAYA.
PITCHER,
YOSHIZAWA SORA.
AS I THOUGHT.
BUT I'LL STILL HAVE PLENTY OF CHANCES
FROM NOW ON I JUST NEED TO SHOW SOME RESULTS
AND LASTLY,

CATCHER,
YOSHIZAWA SHUUJI.

WITH THE ONE I HATE THE MOST.
WITH THE ONE I CAN'T FORGIVE,
UOOOH
WAI-
HERE'S THE BIGGEST SURPRISE!
ME AS CATCHER
I'LL HAVE TO FORM
A BATTERY WITH HIM...!?

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